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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT : Establishment of School of International Communism

REFERENCE : Memorandum by Director of Training, same subject dated 29 June 1956

1. The Office of Scientific Intelligence concurs with the recommendation of the Director of the Office of Training concerning establishment of a School of International Communism with respect to those parts directed at internal agency training. It is also granted that on a selective basis training of some personnel from other agencies such as USIA, Department of State, and some foreign intelligence organizations and their governments is also quite appropriate.

2. It is extremely important that all analysts, including those engaged in scientific intelligence, have a basic understanding of the principles, modus operandi and of the key figures of international communism. Certainly the broad understanding of these factors would improve the motivation of the analyst as well as giving him a better, more logical approach in estimating Soviet intentions. This perhaps applies to a lesser degree in scientific intelligence than it does, for example, in current intelligence. Additionally, considering career planning, the experience gained by an individual in such a course would be of value in assignments to any other office of the Agency.

(Signed)

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